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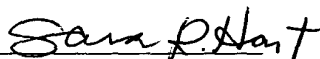
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2. JP 2000-305839 to Takahashi Tsuyoshi, published February 11, 2000; English language abstract provided;
3. EP 0803812 A1 to Hirofumi Tamori et al., published October 29, 1997;
4. EP 0613151 A2 to Hiroshi Sukegawa, published August 31, 1994; and
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